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PHIPPS P.

DATE
13th May

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Per 16 'A' J

CIRCULATION:-

SUBJECT

PROPOSED RAILWAY TO MOUNT KENIA

Is communicating further with Capt Baker on the subject but in case his reply arrives too late further urges that the route through the heart of the Service Settlements should be carefully considered before a decision is reached.

Previous Paper

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Li. H. Phipps

The info costs 220 (see note on 23 3) was incorrect - the cost is now approx 300.

It will well not be till we have some time for discussion tomorrow, but I may point out that

(a) All soldier settlers were warned that no funds could be given us to communication.

(b) The Nairobi-Eldoret railway was a long felt want even before the war.

(c) A demand for an extension of the Thika railway to Cap...

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is not clear at a school
Panda Hills was and
before certain settlement.

Mr. Phipps is right in saying
that the crop of the Thika
to Kenya
2000 is the last 20 miles
or so. Probably the best
arrangement for general
development would be
two spur-lines from
Thika & Gilgil, leaving
the Kenya forest
to its own devices for
several years.

W.C.H.
17.5.21.

Mr. Phipps.

We had no had the
discussion about the Kenya loan
or there is no prospect of the
Dika settlement being undertaken
in the near future.

The 2nd l^r from Mr. Phipps
seems to require an answer
- but if an answer is to be
sent, it might be to the
effect that his previous l^r
has been referred to the
- that until the L. of S. receives
Mr. E. Nathan's reply, Mr. Phipps
receives L. of S. answer reply there
is nothing more to be done -
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L. H. C.

I don't think the letter requires a reply

See

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See reply sent copy of Mr. P.

L. H. C. W. V. to Dept. on 1/5/21
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at 11.6.21

L. H. C.

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THIS AND ALL OTHERS
ARE FOR THE INFORMATION

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NORTHAMPTON.

May 13th 1921.

The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, M.P.
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, LONDON S.W.1.

Sir,

East African Settlement Scheme.
Proposed Railway to Mount Kenia.

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With reference to my letter to you of the 4th inst. and Colonel Page Greff's questions to you on the 10th inst. and your replies to same, I note with much appreciation your sympathetic attitude and your willingness to receive further representations upon the matter.

Not being myself fully conversant with the subject, I am communicating forthwith with Captain Baker for further information in support of his views, but this, of course, will take some time, and it may come too late.

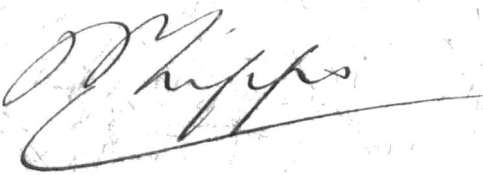
With regard to your reply to question 35, I note that only the first 54 miles have been surveyed and that for this a comparatively easy route has been found, which I can very well understand may be the case, but the crux may be, and probably is, the remaining portion, and then, in addition, the main point is surely that the proposed line goes chiefly

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through native reserve which is not being developed, while the alternative route goes for its greater extent through the heart of the Service settlement, which wants, and I venture to say, rightly deserves all the help and encouragement that can reasonably be extended to it.

I would therefore ask you once again to give your very careful consideration to the points raised by Captain Baker and to make as full an enquiry as possible into the whole matter before coming to a final decision.

Yours faithfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the bottom.